

art high schools. In addition, Dr. Tilley's sound leadership has left the school district fiscally sound in a time when school districts across the state are struggling to survive.

Through all of these accomplishments, Dr. Tilley sends a clear message that our children count, that poverty is not a barrier to the American dream, and that our children have a right to the very best education.

As Dr. Tilley's family and friends joined him to celebrate his retirement as superintendent of the Merced Union High School District, we as residents of Merced County will never forget the lasting impression he has made on the education of our youth. I ask all of my colleagues to join me and recognize my friend, Dr. Bill K. Tilley for his service to the United States as an educator, builder, and citizen.

HONORING REVEREND SAMUEL
JOEL ESPINOZA TREVINO UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Reverend Samuel Joel Espinoza Trevino upon his retirement from St. Stephens Church after over forty years of dedicated service to the Christian community.

Reverend Samuel Joel Espinoza Trevino was born in Monterrey, Mexico to a family of deeply religious convictions. His father, Reverend Edelmiro J. Espinoza served both the Monterrey pastorate in the Mexican Methodist Church and later the Holy Trinity Church of downtown Mexico City. His father was also responsible for establishing the Instituto Evangelistico de Mexico as a school for pastors of all denominations devoted to serving both the church and the Christian community.

Reverend Espinoza studied ministry at Vennard College in Iowa where he learned English and familiarized himself with American culture. Upon completing his ministry, the Reverend returned to Mexico City as a teacher and an administrator of his father's "Instituto." Additionally, he worked with a Christian literature ministry at the Cruzada Mexicana en Cada Hogar, while he also traveled Mexico preaching and teaching in churches for special campaigns and courses.

In 1969, Reverend Espinoza and his wife moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia where the Reverend completed his Master's degree of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary while he simultaneously served as an assistant pastor at Waynesboro U.M. and Otterbein U.M.

By 1993, Reverend Espinoza and his wife had come to St. Stephens Church, which he has continued to serve over the years. Rev. Espinoza's tenure here has been characterized by a number of reforms and progressive programs that have served to revolutionize the religious agenda at St. Stephens. The Reverend is responsible for the inception of a Children's Church program. Furthermore, he has started a Disciple Bible Study and expanded the St. Stephens' Sunday School programs. Finally, he both envisioned and completed the construction of a new Sanctuary, which includes facilities devoted to fellowship and educational activities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Reverend Espinoza as he is recognized for his years of service to the Christian community. During his many years of service, he certainly has earned the respect and gratitude of hundreds of parishioners, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding his career of good works.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EIGHT-
IETH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN H.
HARLAND COMPANY

HON. DENISE L. MAJETTE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John H. Harland Company, a leader in financial and industrial services, on its eightieth anniversary.

Established in 1923 in Atlanta, Georgia, John H. Harland Company is a leading provider of products and services to their chosen segments of the financial and educational markets. Harland has a long history of adapting to changes in the industry and, in doing so, has helped to create numerous opportunities for itself and its employees nationwide.

As a leading check printer, Harland was instrumental in the development of Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) technology in the 1950s. In the 1960s, Harland introduced the first scenic check, now a staple of the banking world. Today, Harland is one of the fastest-growing software companies in the financial industry. More than 85 percent of all schools in the United States use at least one educational product through Harland's Scantron subsidiary. And of the 5,000 John H. Harland Company employees, more than 20 percent are employed in Georgia alone, continuing the positive financial impact to the state that founder John H. Harland himself began.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding John H. Harland Company and its 5,000 employees for 80 years of growth and innovation, contribution and achievement.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R.
1308, TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICA-
TION, AND EQUITY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this rule which would adopt a Motion to Go to Conference on H.R. 1308, The All-American Tax Relief Act of 2003. Here we go again. President Bush and the House Republican leadership are once again showing their contempt for working families that are struggling to make ends meet in our sluggish economy. This rule is a shameful effort to deny assistance to the 6.5 million families and their 12 million children who earn between \$10,500 to \$26,000 a year. Nearly 674,000 children and 378,000 families, or one in four children back in my home state of Illinois,

would have qualified for this aid Nationwide, one million of these kids are the children of veterans or active members of the armed forces. Is this how the Republican leaderships and the Bush Administration wish to repay the brave men and women who have put their lives on the line to serve their country? We should defeat this rule and immediately adopt the Senate-passed legislation which would provide immediate aid to these hard working families.

Just a few weeks ago, President Bush and Republican leaders passed another job killing tax bill that provided even more tax cuts for millionaires. Behind closed doors, Vice President Cheney and Republican leaders in Congress deliberately left millions of children behind to pay for tax cuts for millionaires and tax dodging corporations. This was not an accident or an oversight. A House Ways and Means Committee spokesperson confessed, "Adjustments had to be made." Of course, no adjustments had to be made to the nearly \$604,000 tax break received by Vice President CHENEY or the \$332,000 given to Treasury Secretary John Snow. In fact, the total tax savings for President Bush, Vice President CHENEY, and the Cabinet could be up to \$3.2 million. The Bush Administration showed their true colors. This callous decision outraged the American public. People all around the country demanded fairness.

The United States Senate was shamed into passing a Democratic proposal to provide those low-income families with their well-deserved child tax credit that was removed in a secret deal by Vice President Cheney. Instead of doing the right thing and passing the Senate bill, the House Republican leadership is trying to pass another budget busting \$82 billion tax bill that will increase our growing national debt. When President Bush took office we had a \$5.6 trillion ten-year surplus. We now have a \$2 trillion deficit over the same period of time. According to CBO, the President's tax cut not the war on terrorism accounts for the growth in deficit.

This bill is a gimmick. It is a delay tactic. The Republican leadership knows that this price tag is unacceptable to many in the Senate. No wonder the House Republican leadership is not even allowing members of the people's house an opportunity to offer any amendments today. If they allowed amendments we might pass child care tax credit for the 12 million children of the working class who have been sacrificed to make room for the Bush class. This begs the question, why do President Bush, Vice-President CHENEY, and House Republicans have so much contempt for working families?

The House Republican Leadership opposes the Senate bill because the lower income hard working families do not deserve a tax cut, they say, because they do not pay taxes. That is a lie and an insult to the millions who are teacher aids, home health care workers, and child care providers. They pay sales tax, they pay excise taxes, they pay taxes on gasoline, and they pay a payroll tax, they pay taxes for which there is never a cut, never a special break. These are also the same families that struggle to pay their rent and provide for their children. We should help these families immediately.

Put the interests of working families before the needs of the Bush class. Vote instead for hard working families. Defeat this rule.